



Meeting Agenda

Programme Partner Meeting 2026

21 - 22 January | 11 - 12 February

Wednesday 21 January 2026

Day 1: FOUNDATIONS OF PARTNERSHIPS

07:00-10:00 GMT | Zoom Events

Objectives:

1. Celebrate Partner achievements and innovations.
2. Share progress since the Malaysia Programme Partner Meeting.
3. Ensure Partners are clear on how certification is operating and understand the certified producer monitoring process being introduced by BCI.
4. Ensure Partners understand the v3.2 regen requirements and the guidance and support that will be available to them.

Time	Topic	Presenter	Description
07:00 – 07:10	Welcome	Abdoul Aziz Yanogo Regional Manager, West Africa	Welcome to the Programme Partner Meeting 2026!
07:10– 07:20	CEO Opening	Nick Weatherill , Chief Executive Officer	Hear from the Better Cotton Initiative CEO.
07:20– 07:25	Programme Overview	Iveta Ouvry , Senior Director of Programmes	Presenting programme highlights.
07:25 – 07:35	Participant introductions	Abdoul Aziz Yanogo	Interactive Menti poll
07:35 – 07:55	Commitments to Action	Graham Bruford , Global Knowledge Manager	Sharing Partner updates on the progress since the Malaysia Programme Partner Meeting.
07:55 – 08:10	Celebrating Success	Abdoul Aziz Yanogo	Programme Partner Innovation videos.
08:10 – 08:45	Certification and Monitoring	Tom Owen , Head of Certification Megan Pickard , Assurance Manager	Hear the latest updates on Certification followed by an open Question & Answer session.

		Celine Orthlieb , Assurance Manager	
08:45 – 08:55	Celebrating Success – Field Staff of the Year nominations	Abdoul Aziz Yanogo	Let's celebrate the Field Staff of the Year nominations.
08:55 – 09:45	Partnering on Regenerative Practices	Fakhar Zaman , Regenerative Agriculture Manager Graham Bruford	Learn more about the impact pathways and indicators on regenerative practices and hear a reminder about the new indicators and guidance. An opportunity to ask questions and clarify details about BCI's approach.
09:45 – 10:00	Closing Remarks	Rashida Bhajji , Director of Farm Programmes Quality and Partnerships	Closing remarks and key takeaways from Day 1 of the Programme Partner Meeting.

Thursday 22 January 2026

DAY 2: CHANGES WE WISH TO SEE IN THE LIVES OF FARMERS

07:00-10:00 GMT | Zoom Events

Objectives:

1. Introduce Better Cotton's Impact priorities and focus.
2. Share Partner experiences of implementing cross-cutting approaches to increase field level impact.

Time	Topic	Presenter	Description
07:00 – 07:15	Participant Networking	Amelia Sidumo , Senior Country Coordinator, Mozambique	Day 1 reflections and looking forward to Day 2 .
07:15– 07:25	Welcome	Iain Gardiner , Senior Director of Impact and Development	Overview of Day 2 Objectives

07:25 - 08:15	Keynote Presentation	Ben Ramalingam , Author of 'Aid on the Edge of Chaos'	Keynote address - The Living Thread: Navigating Complexity in Sustainable Cotton through Adaptive Leadership, followed by a Question & Answer session.
08:15 - 08:25	Celebrating Success	Amelia Sidumo	Programme Partner Innovation videos.
08:25 - 08:30	Breakout Session Overview	Maria Kjaer , Smallholder Livelihoods Manager	Participants will learn about the different breakout options and join one of four topical sessions
08:35 - 09:10	Breakout Sessions: Breakout 1: Strengthening Capacity for Impact: Gender responsive regenerative agriculture (Urdu) Breakout 2: Unlocking Finance through Biochar (French, Hindi, Portuguese) Breakout 3: Re-centring Farmers: Exploring Collective Leadership Models Breakout 4: Transforming Digital Pathways: Access to Information through Technology (Mandarin, Turkish, Uzbek)		
09:15 - 09:45	Plenary and reflections	Amelia Sidumo	Share back and discuss breakout sessions as a group.
09:45-09:55	Celebrating Success – Field Staff of the Year nominations	Amelia Sidumo	Let's celebrate the Field Staff of the Year nominations.
09:55 - 10:00	Closing remarks	Iain Gardiner	Closing remarks and key takeaways from Day 2 of the Programme Partner Meeting.